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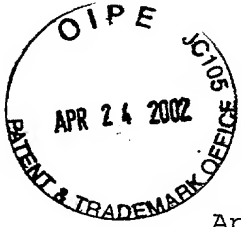
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1. Transmittal Letter (in duplicate)
2. Reply to Notice to File Missing Parts
3. Notice to File Missing Parts dated 2/25/02
4. Petition to Acknowledged Deposit of Pages 2 and 3
5. Exhibit A - Copy of Previously submitted Transmittal
6. Exhibit B - Previously Submitted Certificate of Mailing
7. Exhibit C - Previously Submitted Postcard
8. Exhibit D - PTO Stamped Return Receipt Postcard
9. Exhibit E - Copy of Previously Submitted Specification Pages 2 and 3
10. Certificate of Mailing
11. Return Receipt Postcard

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lin et al.
Serial No.: 10/060,738
Filing Date: January 30, 2002
For: A QUANTITATIVE ASSAY FOR NUCLEIC ACIDS

Cambridge, Massachusetts
April 24, 2002

Hon. Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Application Processing Division,
Special Processing and Correspondence
Branch

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR REPLY TO NOTICE TO FILE
MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

Transmitted herewith in response to the
February 25, 2002 Notice To File Missing Parts Of
Nonprovisional Application are the following:

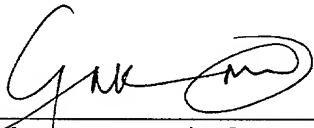
1. Reply to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
2. copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. Petition to Confirm the January 30, 2002 deposit of specification pages 2-3; and
4. Certificate of Mailing.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0725 for payment of any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, in connection with the paper transmitted herewith. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

4/24/02
Date



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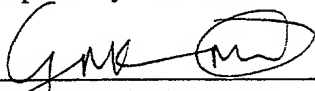
7. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$740.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	16	- 20 =	0	\$ 18.00	0
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	3	- 3 =	0	\$84.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))				\$280.00	0
Basic Filing Fee:					740.00
SUBTOTAL:					\$740.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:					- \$ _____
TOTAL FEE:					\$740.00

8. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
9. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0725, Ref. No. _VPI/01-1:
- ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16;
☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17;
☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.
11. ☒ Other Documents Enclosed:
- ☐ Change in Attorney Address,
☒ Limited Recognition under 37 C.F. § 10.9(b) for Nandakumar Govindaswamy.

Dated: 1/30/02

Respectfully submitted,



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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/060,738	01/30/2002	Chao Lin	VPI/01-101

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FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.

The following item(s) appear to have been **omitted** from the application:

- Page(s) **page 2 and 3** of the specification (description and claims).

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

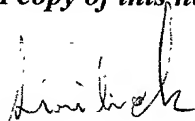
II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR**

1.136(a) or (b). In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (*i.e.*, the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*



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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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